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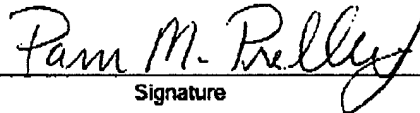
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent: 50 Small Entity Fee (\$): 25
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Multiple dependent claims: 360 Small Entity Fee (\$): 180
Total Claim: 38 Extra Claims: 0 Fee Paid (\$): 0.00
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This communication is in response to the Office Action dated May 4,
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consider the following Remarks.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this communication.